

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 14, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 157, 3/8/2007; HB 117, 3/8/2007;  
HB 118, 3/8/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 157**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:04 **REP. MARY CAFERRO (D), HD 80**, opened the hearing on **HB 157**, Revise CHIP laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:33 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

00:02:47 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association

**EXHIBIT (phs54a01)**

00:03:02 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

00:03:27 Jim Smith, American Cancer Society

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:08 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Caferro

00:05:25 Sen. O'Neil to Rep. Caferro

00:06:25 Sen. Esp to Rep. Caferro

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:56 Rep. Caferro

**HEARING ON HB 117**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:32 **REP. TERESA HENRY (D), HD 96**, opened the hearing on **HB 117**, Newborn hearing testing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:42 Becky Fleming-Siebenaler, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:13:41 Janie Pilagi

00:14:43 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal, and Child Health and Montana Advocates for Children

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:43 Rep. Henry

**HEARING ON HB 118**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:45 REP. TERESA HENRY (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 118, Revise law on dispensing contraceptives.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:22 Jo Ann Dotson, DPHHS

[EXHIBIT \(phs54a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(phs54a03\)](#)

00:25:39 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

00:27:34 Jim Smith, Montana Pharmacy Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:53 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Henry

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:44 Rep. Henry

*Sen. Lind will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs54aad.pdf](#))**